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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. WELLENSTEIN HAS TOLD US THAT THE PERM REP MEET-

ING DID NOT REACH A FORMAL DECISION ON MAY 30 ON ARTICLE 24:6. THOUGH THE LOCAL PERM REPS ARE THEMSELVES WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THE PACKAGE, TWO DELEGATIONS DO NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT IT UNTIL THEY GET FURTHER WORD FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS. WELLENSTEIN IS OPTIMISTIC. END SUMMARY.

2. WELLENSTEIN INFORMED THE CHARGE AT 19:30 THAT THE MAY 30 PERM REP MEETING HAD ADJOURNED FOR THE EVENING WITHOUT REACHING A FINAL, FORMAL CONCLUSION TO ITS ARTICLE 24:6 DELIBERATIONS. HE CHARACTERIZED THE SITUATION AS ENCOURAGING - EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE IN PLACE, THOUGH HE CAUTIONED THAT WE CANNOT BE COMPLETELY SURE OF THE RESULT UNTIL FORMAL AGREEMENT IS REACHED.

3. WELLENSTEIN SAID THAT THE TEXTS OF THE INTENDED EC MINUTES FOR INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS ON CEREALS AND RETALIATION AGAINST THIRD COUNTRIES EXERCISING WITHDRAWAL RIGHTS ARE SETTLED. ALL THE LOCAL PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINE ARE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THE ENTIRE 24:6 PACKAGE INCLUDING THE LIST OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS. HOWEVER, TWO DELEGATIONS (ITALY AND BELGIUM) ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFF UNTIL THEY HAVE RECEIVED FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS. HE ANTICIPATES THEIR BEING ABLE TO DO SO BY NOON ON MAY 31.

4. IT WILL PROBABLY BE NECESSARY TO HAVE ONE FURTHER MEETING OF THE PERM REPS ON MAY 31 FOR THESE TWO DELEGATIONS TO REPORT TO THE GROUP.

5. WELLENSTEIN SAID THAT ONCE THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD CONFIRMED ACCEPTANCE OF THE PACKAGE IT WOULD TAKE A LITTLE WHILE TO COMPLETE CERTAIN FORMALITIES BEFORE THE COMMUNITY COULD ACTUALLY SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. THESE FORMALITIES INCLUDE REQUIRED CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GREEKS AND THE TURKS. HOWEVER, ONCE THE NINE HAVE GIVEN THEIR FORMAL APPROVAL THESE SUBSEQUENT FORMALITIES WOULD NOT BLOCK THE PACKAGE.

6. WELLENSTEIN'S ACCOUNT WAS IN GENERAL CORROBORATED BY A PERM REP SOURCE, WHO ALSO SPECULATED THAT THE ITALIANS AND BELGIANS WOULD PROBABLY GO ALONG IN THE END, BUT WHO DID NOT SEEM QUITE AS CONFIDENT AS WELLENSTEIN THAT THE MATTER WAS SO CLOSE TO SETTLEMENT. HE SAID THE ITALIANS WERE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FRENCH ARE CLAIMING THEY HAVE NO INSTRUCTIONS, BUT THEY ARE "GRINNING LIKE GREAT CATS" AND HE SUSPECTS THEY HAVE INSTRUCTIONS IN THEIR POCKETS READY FOR USE AS SOON AS THE ITALIANS CONCUR. THE BELGIANS HAVE SAID THEY WILL SPEAK AFTER ALL THE REST HAVE AGREED, WHICH HE INTERPRETS TO MEAN THAT THEY WILL AT THAT POINT HAVE TO ASSENT. MYERSON

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